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Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims presented below replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1. – 32. (Cancelled)

33. (previously presented) A confectionery article in non liquid form based on herbal mixtures comprising an extract of a mixture of herbs and an extract of *Stevia rebaudiana* wherein the herbs are peppermint, sage, yarrow and thyme.

34. (previously presented) A confectionery article in non liquid form based on herbal mixtures comprising a mixture of herb extracts and an extract of *Stevia rebaudiana* wherein the herbs are peppermint, sage, yarrow and thyme.

35. (previously presented) A confectionery article in the form of syrup based on herbal mixtures comprising an extract of a mixture of herbs and an extract of *Stevia rebaudiana* wherein the herbs are peppermint, sage, yarrow and thyme.

36. (previously presented) A confectionery article in the form of syrup based on herbal mixtures comprising a mixture of herb extracts and an extract of *Stevia rebaudiana* wherein the herbs are peppermint, sage, yarrow and thyme.

37. (previously presented) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 33, further comprising at least one of the herbs selected from the group consisting of lemon balm, common plantain, marshmallow, lady's mantle, elder, cowslip, anise, speedwell, mallow and horehound.

38. (previously presented) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 34, further comprising at least one of the herbs selected from the group consisting of lemon

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balm, common plantain, marshmallow, lady's mantle, elder, cowslip, anise, speedwell, mallow and horehound.

39. (currently amended) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 35 [[33]], further comprising at least one of the herbs selected from the group consisting of lemon balm, common plantain, marshmallow, lady's mantle, elder, cowslip, anise, speedwell, mallow and horehound.

40. (currently amended) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 36 [[34]], further comprising at least one of the herbs selected from the group consisting of lemon balm, common plantain, marshmallow, lady's mantle, elder, cowslip, anise, speedwell, mallow and horehound.

41. (previously presented) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 33, wherein said article is in the form of a hard sweet.

42. (previously presented) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 34, wherein said article is in the form of a hard sweet.

43. (previously presented) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 37, wherein said article is in the form of a hard sweet.

44. (previously presented) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 38, wherein said article is in the form of a hard sweet.

45. (currently amended) The confectionery article as claimed in claim [[39]] 37, wherein said article is in the form of a solid or filled hard sweet which has been stamped, cast, molded or pressed.

46. (currently amended) The confectionery article as claimed in claim [[40]] 38, wherein said article is in the form of a solid or filled hard sweet which has been stamped, cast, molded or pressed.

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47. (previously presented) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 41, wherein said article is in the form of a solid or filled hard sweet which has been stamped, cast, molded or pressed.

48. (previously presented) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 42, wherein said article is in the form of a solid or filled hard sweet which has been stamped, cast, molded or pressed.

49. (previously presented) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 33, wherein said article is in the form of a chewing sweet.

50. (previously presented) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 34, wherein said article is in the form of a chewing sweet.

51. (previously presented) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 37, wherein said article is in the form of a chewing sweet.

52. (previously presented) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 38, wherein said article is in the form of a chewing sweet.

53. (previously presented) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 33, wherein said article is in the form of a chewing gum.

54. (previously presented) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 34, wherein said article is in the form of a chewing gum.

55. (previously presented) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 37, wherein said article is in the form of a chewing gum.

56. (previously presented) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 38, wherein said article is in the form of a chewing gum.

57. (previously presented) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 33, wherein

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said article is in the form from which instant drinks can be prepared.

58. (previously presented) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 34, wherein said article is in the form from which instant drinks can be prepared.

59. (previously presented) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 37, wherein said article is in the form from which instant drinks can be prepared.

60. (previously presented) The confectionery article as claimed in claim 38, wherein said article is in the form from which instant drinks can be prepared.

61. (previously presented) A method for producing a confectionery article comprising the steps of:

- mixing dried herbs, said herbs being peppermint, sage, yarrow and thyme;
- extracting an extract from the mixture;
- thickening the mixture extract, if appropriate;
- mixing the resultant mixture extract with an extract of the dried herb *Stevia rebaudiana*; and
- processing the resultant mixture into a confectionery article of the desired form.

62. (previously presented) A method for producing a confectionery article comprising the steps of:

- mixing a corresponding number of extracts of at least one dried herb;
- thickening the mixture of extracts of herbs, said herbs being peppermint, sage, yarrow and thyme, if appropriate;
- mixing the resultant mixture with an extract of the dried herb *Stevia rebaudiana*; and
- processing the resultant mixture into a confectionery article of the desired form.

63. (previously presented) A method for producing a confectionery article comprising the steps of:

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mixing dried herbs, said herbs being peppermint, sage, yarrow and thyme and the dried herb of *Stevia rebaudiana*;
extracting an extract from the mixture;
thickening the mixture extract, if appropriate; and
processing the resultant mixture into a confectionery article of the desired form.